

Judiciary Committee

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Testimony for Governor's Bill SB 16: OPPOSE

When Ned Lamont suggested that there are “too many legal guns in Connecticut” it became clear that the mission is not to reduce crime or to punish bad actors, rather just pass ‘feel good’ laws that restrict lawful residents in ways that do nothing to combat any actual problems. Rights are already being restricted through permitting and purchasing delays (hurting only those that are following the rules already in place). We keep passing laws placing further restrictions on the good guys, in the name of stopping bad guys who aren’t going to follow or be restricted by said laws, anyhow.

In addition, I also **OPPOSE** H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS. This approach is completely arbitrary, will do nothing to limit illegal possession of firearms (straw purchases are already illegal). It will just restrict the actions of sportsman and all other law-abiding citizens. More than one transfer a month is not “BULK,” in some cases the net gain of firearms is zero (buy one through sell/trade of a different one).

I **SUPPORT** Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON’S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

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